



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

**Date:** April 18, 2012

**To:** PUBLIC SAFETY, CIVIL RIGHTS & HEALTH COMMITTEE  
**Referral to:** WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Subject:** REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO REDUCE YOUTH VIOLENCE

**Recommendation:**

Council authorization for the proper City officials to apply for a 3-year grant from the US Department of Justice, for an amount not exceed \$1.5 million dollars, beginning September 30, 2012. The purpose of the grant is to reduce youth violence in Minneapolis by replicating a proven, multidisciplinary, community-based strategy in partnership with community and local government partners.

**Previous Directives:** None

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**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

**Permanent Review Committee (PRC):** Approval \_\_\_\_ Not Applicable X  
**Policy Review Group (PRG)** Approval \_\_\_\_ Date of Approval \_\_\_\_ Not Applicable X

**Presenters in Committee:** Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

**Financial Impact (Check those that apply)**

X Other financial impact (Explain): The City would receive a grant of up to \$1,500,000.

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

As part of the City's Blueprint for Action to Prevent Youth Violence, the Department requests authorization to apply for a 3-year grant, not to exceed \$1,500,000, from the US Department of Justice to reduce youth violence in Minneapolis. Grant funding would be used to implement the Comprehensive Gang Model from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention model programs guide. The three main goals of this program are to: change community norms regarding violence; provide alternatives to violence when gangs and individuals in the community are making risky behavior decisions; and, increase awareness of the perceived risks and costs of involvement in violence among high-risk young people. The Department intends to implement the model in specific Minneapolis communities, partnering with YMCA, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation, HCMC, Hennepin County Juvenile Corrections, and Minneapolis Public Schools. Program components include gang prevention and education, trauma and grief support, parent support groups, street outreach, and mentoring.